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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

**Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Daniel J. Campbell, Michael Doyle, Robert K. Frink,
Richard Monteiro and David Russell**

Thursday, June 20, 2013

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Robert K. Frink, Richard Monteiro and David Russell

Members Absent: Daniel J. Campbell and Michael Doyle

Staff: William Robarge, Director of School Buildings and Grounds, GPS and Colleen Quattromani
Office Assistant II.

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM.

Chairman DeMatto began the meeting asking for a moment of silence to the memory of PSBC member Daniel Campbell, who passed away on June 8, 2013.

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) March 31, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Frink and seconded by Mr. Russell to approve the minutes of March 21, 2013 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

b) April 3, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Frink and seconded by Mr. Russell to accept the minutes of April 3, 2013 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

None.

(b) Staff

Mr. Robarge spoke with the PSBC about the latest developments on the Fitch High School Reroofing Project. The Committee was told that just as the project was moving swiftly towards going out to bid, the State was slowing down their review process and inquiries brought to light that the laws were being changed in regard to the roof pitch requirements the State had been imposing on schools in recent years. On May 28th the State Senate removed the pitch requirement which would have cost the Town of Groton an additional \$300,000 for the new roof. Mr. Robarge confirmed that the law was passed on June 20, 2013.

The architect Noyes Voght now has to make some modifications to the drawings for the project and resubmitted to the State approval process so the Fitch High School Roof Replacement project will now take place in the summer of 2014. Mr. Robarge said there are no safety issues to be concerned with in the wait.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**A. BOE Projects**

Mr. Robarge updated the Committee on several BOE projects. The asbestos tile abatement for Charles Barnum has been deferred a year due to lack of funds. Two CIP project that will move forward this summer are the LED lighting for the Fitch High School auditorium and the lighting renovation at Mary Morrison Elementary school. Both of these projects will bring a quick return on their investment.

The group also spoke of the ongoing safety updates to school security systems. Mr. Robarge said his Phase I should be complete by the end of the summer. The work includes panic buttons, cameras, card readers, and sally port door entry systems

B) School Facility Initiative Task Force

Chairman DeMatto told the PSBC that the Task Force has concluded the educational and updating process and will now meet every two weeks on the primary decisions associated with their original charge. The Task Force is asking for clarification of the Board of Education's Educational Specifications for the elementary level. The Task Force will try to determine what impact the needs of the Town/City may have on a future education building project as it is considering what recommendations to make. The issues include , one or two middle schools: which elementary schools should remain open, and which ones should be closed or rebuilt: would building new schools, or rebuilding as new be the preferred construction path to take, and if it is decided to build new a building(s), where would (they) be located?

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman DeMatto will check in with the Town Manager on the status of the PSBC's Roles & Responsibilities document.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the PSBC will be Thursday, August 15, 2013.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.